

DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING SEED VIGOR
INDEX FROM SEEDLINGS WITH AUTOMATIC SEPARATION OF OVERLAPPED
SEEDLINGS**

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on June 9, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/591,432.
☐ and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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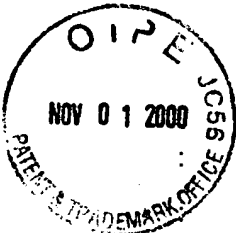
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : McDonald, et al.
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING
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WITH AUTOMATIC SEPARATION OF
OVERLAPPED SEEDLINGS
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37 C.F.R. 1.27 VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The Ohio State Research Foundation
ADDRESS: 1960 Kenny Road
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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- ☐ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
- ☒ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE
(26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
- ☐ NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF
STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(name of state _____)
(citation of statute _____)
- ☐ WOULD QUALIFY AS TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3)) IF LOCATED IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled:

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by inventors: Miller B. McDonald, Jr., Kikuo Fujimora, Mark A. Bennett, Yusaka Sako and
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described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
☒ application Serial No. 09/591,432; Filed: June 9, 2000.
☐ Patent No. _____,
☐ issued _____.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention. If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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